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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HELMS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR ANWAR TO RETURN TO CAIRO

1. AS YOU UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW, MOHAMMAD SAMI ANWAR WHO HAS SERVED AS EGYPT'S AMBASSADOR HERE SINCE JANUARY 1971 HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE WILL BE SENDING MORE DETAILED BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN DUE COURSE BUT I WANTED TO PASS ON TO YOU MY IMPRESSIONS OF SAMI ANWAR, AS HE IS USUALLY KNOWN. HE HAS BEEN A HIGHLY RESPECTED AND POPULAR MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND HAS ABLY REPRESENTED EGYPT DURING THE THAW IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. I HAVE FOUND HIM COOPERATIVE, KNOWLEDGABLE AND DISCREET IN OUR PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS, AND HE AND HIS ATTRACTIVE WIFE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASANT SOCIALLY. THEY ENJOY BRIDGE VERY MUCH AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF A GROUP MY WIFE AND I ORGANIZED, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT VERY GOOD. I THINK YOU WILL FIND THEM A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE CAIRO SCENE.

2. IT STRIKES ME THAT HIS FIVE YEARS AS DCM IN MOSCOW MAY BE ONE REASON ANWAR WAS NAMED TO HIS NEW POST AT THIS TIME. ALSO MRS ANWAR CAME TO KNOW MRS SADAT WHEN THEY WORKED TOGETHER AT VARIOUS HOSPITALS IN CAIRO DURING THE OCTOBER WAR.
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